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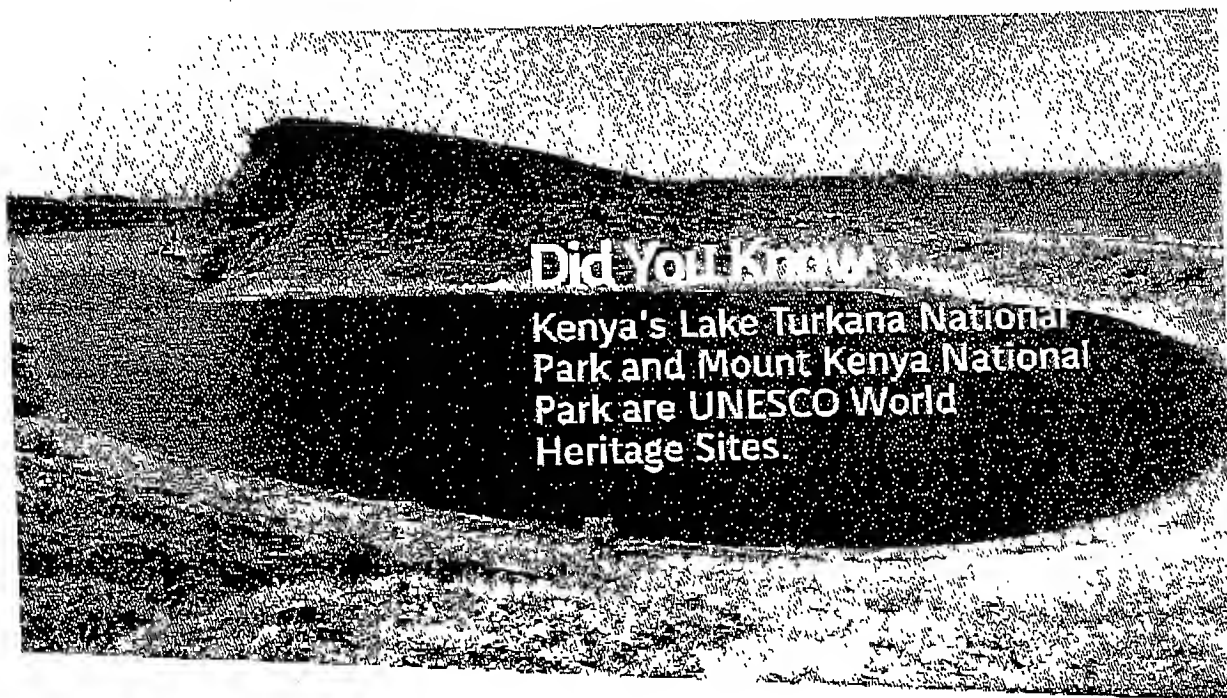
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- Inaugurated as a world heritage site in 1997, Lake Turkana, Africa's most saline lake, is commonly used as a laboratory for the study of plant and animal communities.
- The national parks serve as a stopover for migrant waterfowl and are major breeding grounds for the Nile crocodile, hippopotamus and a variety of venomous snakes.
- The deposits from Lake Koobi Fora are rich in mammalian and molluscan fossils, and have contributed to the understanding of paleo environments more than any other site on the continent.

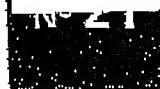
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U.S. Ambassador Praises Kenyan Constitution

May 19, 2010

United States Ambassador to Kenya Michael Ranneberger expressed firm support for Kenya's Draft Constitution while pledging to strengthen their partnership due to the increasingly critical role Kenya is playing in American foreign policy.

The Ambassador made the remarks following a Monday meeting with Kenyan Foreign Minister Moses Wetang'ula. The diplomats discussed issues of Kenyan-American partnership, including the U.S.-supported Draft Constitution, which will come to a national referendum in August.

Ambassador Ranneberger commended Kenya for the stabilizing role it plays in East Africa with regards to safety and security. Kenya manages several enormous refugee camps on the border of civil war-devastated Somalia and is one of two counties in Africa that prosecutes pirates.

On the heels of this meeting, the Ambassador held an online public chat Tuesday to discuss the Draft Constitution. He stepped up his rhetoric, effusively and unambiguously praising the document while offering American support throughout the process.

"As Kenya's most important partner and friend, we have made clear our determination to press for full implementation of the Reform Agenda," he said. "We have consistently emphasized that implementation of the reform agenda is essential to ensure the future democratic stability and prosperity of the country. A new constitution will strengthen democracy and prosperity by creating a framework to protect the interests of all Kenyans."

Ambassador Ranneberger noted that the United States has pledged over \$2 million to fund civic education regarding the contents of the document. He noted that President Obama himself has been closely following the referendum process and firmly supports the Draft Constitution as written.

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